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During July 1950 LIW riao left Hankow for Tsinan, where he is now in charge of troop deployment.

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a portion of the 4 Field army has taken up positions in Shantung.

- There is much speculation amon; ranking officers of the 4 field army in Hankow concerning the following possibilities:
 - The USSE proposes that there be a merger of the East and Central-South China Districts.
 - The 3 and 4 Field armies will be merged, with LIN Piao as commander and CHE! Yi as his deputy.

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Comment. The fact that LIN is in Shantung and a portion of the 4 Field troops is in the 3 Field army's territory, if true, lends credence to the Hankow rumors.

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